

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 14, lines 26 to 32 with the following amended paragraph.

If the longitudinal strength of pipeline is ~~smaller~~ larger than the strength of field weld, the probability decreases that field weld deforms locally and, then, fractures. If, on the other hand, the longitudinal strength of pipeline is too great, increasing the strength of field weld lowers the low-temperature toughness.